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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2003

In reply to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12 are pending in the application. Applicants have not amended the claims in the present response.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, and 12 as allegedly obvious over Yabuki et al. (1998) J. BIOMOLECULAR NMR, 11:295-306 ("Yabuki") in view of Moore, U.S. Patent No. 6,060,603. According to the Examiner.

Yabuki et al does not teach that the potential binder molecule has a molecular mass from 50-1000 Da.

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